# **BUTTE COUNTY** HISTORICAL SOCIETY P.O. BOX 2195 OROVILLE, CA 95965

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BCHS Information Membership Application

#### Joining the Butte County Historical Society

BCHS is primarily supported by memberships and donations from the people and the friends of Butte • 10% discount on museum store County and receives no direct government funding. Membership in BCHS is open to all.

#### Members receive:

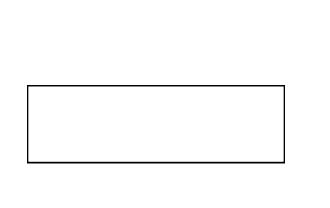
- Slickens (monthly newsletter)
- The Diggin's (quarterly • publication)
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#### **BCHS PROPERTIES**

#### Ehmann Home 1480 Lincoln, Oroville Saturdays — 11:00 am - 3:00 pm 530-533-5316

**Museum - Archives** Corner of Spencer and Baldwin Oroville 530-533-9418

Museum Friday from 9 am - Noon Saturday from 11 am - 3 pm

> Archives Thursday and Friday 9 am - Noon

**Oregon City School** 2100 Oregon Gulch Road Oregon City, CA Saturday & Sunday from 1 pm to 4 pm 530-533-9418

**Bangor Church** 5730 LaPorte Road, Bangor, CA Noon to 2 pm on 1st & 3rd Saturday Closed: Dec., Jan., Jul. and Aug. 530-679-2112



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# **Upcoming Events!** (Yes, we really have some)

## May 1st: 8 am to 2 pm at the Ehmann Home parking lot.

Join us on Saturday, May 1st at a Yard Sale fundraiser for BCHS. We have lots of cool stuff that has been donated, and we can assure you there will be something there to interest you.

If you have stuff that you would like to donate, you may do so on Saturdays between 11 am and 3 pm at the Ehmann Home or call for an appointment at 530-533-5316.

#### **Olive Oil's Afternoon in the Islands**

A lunch date for the ladies with lots of fun things to do.

A tentative date has been set for the afternoon off June 12th. Watch the May Slickens for further information, as well as our website and Facebook page.

Tickets will be on sale in May. Seating is limited so be sure to get yours early!

## 10th Annual Olive Festival: June 19th, 9 am to 2 pm

The Butte County Historical Society presents the 10th Annual Olive Festival on Saturday, June 19, 2021 from 9 am to 2 pm across Lincoln St. from the Ehmann Home, the "House That Olives Built".

This free event celebrates the history and growth of the olive industry in Butte County and features olive producers from throughout the area who will sell olives and olive oil. There will also be craft and direct sales vendors. And great raffle prizes!

Our mission is to preserve Butte County's rich and varied history, making it engaging and meaningful for all.



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#### **Editorial:**

#### **Event Planning in a Public Health Emergency**

About a year ago, we began seeing the cancellation of all the various parades, fairs, festivals and fundraisers. They vanished from our community calendars one after another as the weeks of isolation became months, and now, a full year. Things are looking better as we go to press with this issue, and we are cautiously optimistic that the events we are planning now will come to fruition. Be assured, our planning includes following Public Health policy, whatever it may be when the date of the event arrives.

What about the Oregon City School BBQ? You might have noticed that the Oregon City BBQ is not currently in our line-up of events. As much as we would love to do it, food handling protocols would be difficult to maintain in an outdoor environ-

ment, and planning for that event involves a large investment in perishable food items. If a last minute cancellation became necessary it would be disastrous. Having said that, we are exploring possibilities for a program to be held at the Oregon City School in the near future. We will share the information as it becomes available.

#### **Please Support Us in Our Mission to Preserve Butte County's History!**

If you are out and about on Saturday, May 1st, come visit us at the yard sale. You may find a treasure there.

Plan to attend Olive Oil's Afternoon in the Islands and/or The Olive Festival. Both are great fun and both are fundraisers for BCHS.



**New Member: Friends of the Arts** 

## The BCHS Mission

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Board Meets at the Ehmann Home the 2nd Wednesday at 7 pm

#### 2021 Officers

President - Larry Tracy Vice President - Dale Wangberg Secretary - Sandy Brodrick Treasurer - Dorothy Lindsay

**Board Members at Large** Margorie Daley Natalie Williams Tim Jones Larry Mauch Phil Ravert

> **Past President** Kent Fowler

**Publications Staff** Diggin's - Nancy Brower Slickens - Dale Wangberg

Museum Director - Lucy Sperlin Ehmann Home - Alberta Tracy

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\* **Reminder:**

If there is a yellow stripe on your mailing label, you need to pay your dues by April 🖕 23rd in order to receive the May Slick- 🖈 ens/Diggin's mailing. We hope that you 😒 will continue to be part of the community that supports Butte County history.

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# **Remember!**

If you have research needs please don't hesitate to call us, email us or contact us through Facebook. The Archives are not open to the public, but several volunteers are able to access the collection and they are ready and willing to assist you! Phone: 530-533-9418 Email: buttehistory@sbcglobal .net

# The Research Corner by Nancy Brower

An interesting question that came to the Archives this month was from a geologist with the Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps is working on a 500 year flood study and needs information primarily on the 1862 flood, which turned the Sacramento Valley into a gigantic lake. A search turned up a Diggin's article comprised primarily of excerpts from the *Butte Democrat* newspaper detailing the extent of local flooding. A review of our maps on CD provided a copy of the 1862 Official Map of Butte County and various early Flood damaged home in Butte County, 1907. BCHS Archives topographic maps, including the Bidwell Quadrangle folio. The California Digital Newspaper Collection was a source for newspaper accounts from a number of early northern California newspapers. Bill Sager and Wayne Wilson's Spillway Emergency provided data on the volume of water produced by the 1907 flood and the dates of the flood for newspaper follow up. Diggin's once again came to the rescue with the dimensions of the Golden Feather Mining project and McLaughlin's Wall. The geologist was very happy and said that she had obtained more information from BCHS than any other source that she had consulted. That happened thanks to researchers who documented this information.

#### Time for Some Sign Work in Oregon City

Recently, it was brought to our attention that the sign that hangs on the Castleberry Covered Bridge welcoming visitors to beautiful downtown Oregon City was in need of some attention. BCHS President Larry Tracy enlisted the help of painter and sign maker Ryan Hofman and in short order a new sign was ready. Made from redwood, with routed lettering, it should last many years.

While they were there, they noticed our sign for the Oregon City Schoolhouse was somewhat faded and took care of that also. Thank you Larry and Ryan!



At left, Ryan Hofman stands next to the newly refurbished sign that directs visitors to the schoolhouse from the historic monument. A work crew provided by Larry Tracy also cleared brush between the sign and the school to improve visibility.





Top: the remains of the old sign

Bottom: Larry Tracy (L) and Ryan Hofman (R), holding up the new sign. Butte County Public Works will soon have it back in place.

Special thanks to Larry Mathews for assisting us in determining what the words on the bottom of the original sign were.